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Applicant: **Verhoest et al.**

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TITLE: **COMPACT PRINTING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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Group Art Unit: **2854**

Examiner: **Eickholt, E.**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10, with traverse.

Regarding the Restriction Requirement, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-12 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one of the claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803, in which it is stated that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the

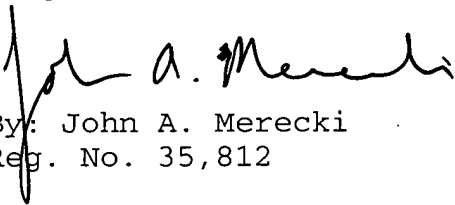
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present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

If the Examiner believes that any further discussion of the invention would be helpful, perhaps in the form of an Examiner's Amendment, Applicants' representative is available at (518) 449-0044, and earnestly solicits such discussion.

Respectfully submitted,


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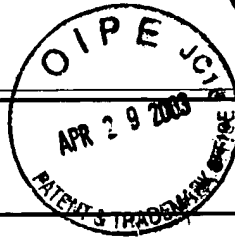
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